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SUBJECT: TRAVELING PRESS REPORTAGE: RADIO/TV

FOR ANDERSON FROM KING

1. COVERAGE FROM TRAVELING PARTY THURSDAY EVENING/FRIDAY MORNING WAS SPARCE. EVENING TV PROGRAMS CARRIED NO FILM FROM PARTY. FOLLOWING TWO PIECES WERE MONITORED FRIDAY MORNING:

A. ANDERSON (WTOP RADIO -- GROUP W NEWS)

AFTER KISSINGER'S 10TH ROUNDTRIP BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND JERUSALEM SUCCESS REMAINS TANTALIZINGLY CLOSE BUT PERHAPS NOT YET REACHABLE. KISSINGER SETTLED THE DIFFICULT CEASE-FIRE LINE QUESTION LAST WEEK. THEN TWO OTHER PROBLEMS HAD TO BE SETTLED: THE NUMBER AND KIND OF UN FORCE AND THE NUMBER AND KIND OF WEAPONS THAT WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE ZONES THAT ADJOIN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE. SENIOR OFFICIALS REPORT PROGRESS ON THE UN QUESTION AND THE REMAINDER SEEMS TO BE THE KIND OF NUMERICAL BARGAINING WHICH IS WITHIN RANGE. THE OTHER MATTERS THE LIMITATION OF ARMS TOUCHES A DIFFICULT POLITICAL QUESTION FOR THE SYRIANS. THEY

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WOULD HAVE TO AGREE IN EFFECT TO GIVE UP SOME MILITARY

CONTROL ON THE STRATEGIC HILLS AND PLAINS THAT LIE

BETWEEN THE CAPITAL DAMASCUS AND THE ISRAELI LINES JUST 40 KILOMETERS AWAY. THESE NEGOTIATIONS, IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD, ARE TAKING PLACE AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF HATE AND MISTRUST WHERE EACH SIDE ACCUSES THE OTHER OF SAVAGE ATROCITIES AND GENERATIONS OF TREACHERY. KISSINGER CONTINUES TO THINK THAT SUCCESS WILL COME EVENTUALLY; IF NOT ON THIS TRIP THEN IN A FEW WEEKS AFTER BOTH SIDES HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO THINK OVER THE ALTERNATIVES.

B. KALB (CBS/TV)

KISSINGER TODAY IS TRYING TO BREAK THE BACK OF THE LAST PROBLEM STANDING IN THE WAY OF A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. THE PROBLEM RELATES TO THE SO CALLED THINNING OUT OF FORCES ON EITHER SIDE OF THE UN BUFFER THAT WILL SEPARATE THE TWO ARMIES ON THE GOLAN FRONT. THE SYRIAN SIDE OF THAT FRONT WAS ATTACKED BY ISRAELI PLANES THIS MORNING UNDERSCORING ONCE AGAIN THE DANGEROUS POTENTIAL FOR ESCALATION. KISSINGER HAS MET WITH TOP ISRAELI LEADERS MOST OF THE MORNING ON THE THINNINGOUT PROBLEM. LATE LAST NIGHT DURING HIS TALKS WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD IN DAMASCUS KISSINGER GOT SOME NEW IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM AND HE POSED THEM TO THE ISRAELIS TODAY AND THE ISRAELI MOOD OF DEJECTION, VERY STRONG HERE YESTERDAY, HAS SHIFTED TO OPTIMISM NOW THAT A DEAL CAN BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND INITIALED ON SUNDAY. THE OTHER MAJOR PROBLEM -- HOW MANY UN TROOPS WILL BE ALLOWED TO POLICE THE CEASEFIRE. THAT PROBLEM HAS NOW BEEN SOLVED BY A NUMERICAL COMPROMISE -- A SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE. ISRAEL WANTED 3,000 TROOPS, ASSAD WANTED ONLY A COUPLE OF HUNDRED. A COMPROMISE MAY BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 1,500.

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